The

Role

Of

Imaam Mahdi

Foreword

All Praise is due to Allaah, Our Creator and Nourisher. Peace and Blessings on Hadhrat Muhammad (sallahu alyhi wasallam) who is the Last and Final Rasul and Nabi of Allaah.

Blessings be on the Sahaabah (R.A) who served the Deen of Allaah, sincerely and devotedly.

There are major and minor sings of Qiyaamat. The first major sign is the appearance of Imaam Mahdi, then Dajjal, Hadhrat Isa (alayhi Salaam) etc.

The belief concerning Imaam Mahdi has been substantiated by AAahadith Mutawathira@ A(continuous Ahadith)@ and Ijma of the Sahaabah (R.A) (consensus of the Sahabah). For in the Aakhirat that which the Sahabah(R.A) and the Tabeen understood will hold weight and classified reliable and authentic not what feeble minds conjure.

Scholars like Ibn Hajjar Makki (R.A) have listed 200 signs of Mahdi.

Previously we translated the work of Moulana Hussein Ahmed Madani(R.A) entitled, AAl- Khalifatul Mahdi - In Authentic Hadith@.

Of late, there is a tendency to deny the coming of Mahdi and a state of despondency is setting in, as stated in the hadith; AAl- Mahdi will emerge at such a time when people will become despondent and say, AThere is no Mahdi@. (Ibn Abi Shaiba).

We have translated the section on Imaam Mahdi as written by Moulana Badr Alam Meerati Muhajir Madani (R.A), from his book ATarjumaanul Sunnan@ Vol. 4 P - 384 - 405.

As Muslim is essential to believe also that Imaam Mahdi, Hadhrat Isa (A.S) and Dajjal are 3 different persons.

Lastly, Rasulullah(S.A.W) has said :-

A How can a nation perish, who has me (Muhammad) at the beginning, Mahdi in the middle, and Maseeh at >the end=@.(Mishkaat).

May ALLAAH grant us the ability to live with Imaan and die with Imaan.

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AImaam@ Mahdi

Before mentioning the Ahadith regarding Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi, we will firstly describe his background. Hadhrat Shah Rafee`ud Deen Muhaddith Dehlwi (rahmatullahi alaihi) states the following;

Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi=s name, lineage and description

Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi will be a Sayyid and from the family of Hadhrat Faatimah(radhiAllaahu anha). He will be tall in stature,his body will be agile and his face will resemble that of Nabi Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). His character will also resemble that of Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). His name will be Muhammad, his father=s name will be Abdullaah and his mothers name will be Aamina. He will stammer slightly in his speech, and due to this he will strike his hand upon his thigh. He will have >Ilm-e-Ladunni= (inspired knowledge). Sayyid Buzranji states in his Kitaab >Risaala Ishaa`at= that even after searching the Hadith Kitaabs, he did not find the name of AImaam@ Mahdi=S mother.

AImaam@ Mahdi=S appearance will be before the emergence of Sufyani. There will be a war between the Romans and the Muslims and Constantinople will be conquered.

Before the appearance of AImaam@ Mahdi, a person from the lineage of Abu Sufyaan will be born in the Arabian and Syrian peninsulas. This person will kill the family of Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). His rule will spread to Syria and Egypt. In between he will engage in battle with one group of the Christians and make peace with another group. The group that will be in battle will conquer Constantinople. The ruler of the Romans will flee to Syria and seek the assistance of the local Christians, and after a fierce battle they will be victorious. After the defeat of the enemy, a person will scream out that the cross was victorious and the victory was owing to it. Hearing this a person from the Muslim army will deny this and say that the Muslims will be victorious. These two will call upon their respective armies for assistance and they will meet in battle, and it will begin.

The Muslim ruler will be martyred and the Christians will gain control over Syria. There will be a treaty between the two christian groups. The balance of the Muslims will go to Madinah Munawwarah. The christian domain will spread to Khyber (which is close to Madinah Munawwarah). At that time the Muslims will be awaiting the arrival of AImaam@ Mahdi, so that they may remedy their predicament, and be freed from the clutches of the disbelievers.

In Pursuit of AImaam@ Mahdi and Pledging Allegiance At His Hands

Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi will arrive in Madinah Munawwarah and proceed to Makkah Muazzama. In order to avoid detection. The pious Auliyaa and Abdaals of that era will be looking for him. Some persons will even falsely claim to be AImaam@ Mahdi.

Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi will be making Tawaaf of the Kaaba-tullaah, and when he will be between the Rukn and Maqaam-e-Ebrahim, a group of believers will recognise him and take Aba`it@ at his hands. A sign of this incident will be that on the preceding Ramadaan, there will be a solar and lunar eclipse. At the time of taking the Aba`it@, a voice will be heard from the skies, saying: A*This is Mahdi, the Khalifah of Allaah Ta`ala, you should obey him and follow him.*@ Everyone who will be present there, at that time will hear this proclamation.

At this time AImaam@ Mahdi=s (alaihi salaam) age will be 40 years. When this news spreads, the Muslim army from Madinah Munawwarah will proceed to Makkah Muazzama. The Auliyaa of Syria, Iraq and Yemen will come into the company of AImaam@ Mahdi. Many persons from Arabia will join in the army. The treasure which is buried under the Kaaba, will be taken out and distributed amongst the Muslims.

The Leaders of Khuraasaan Will Send Soldiers to Assist AImaam@ Mahdi, and the Destruction of the Army of Sufyaan

When this news spreads around the world, a person from Khuraasaan will come to Madinah Munawwarah with a large army. On the way they will defeat many Christians and irreligious people. The person who will be the leader of an army will be a person by the name of >Mansoor=, who will be a Sufyaani, one who is an enemy of the Ahle Bait. His maternal family will be the Banu Kalb. He will dispatch an army in opposition to AImaam@ Mahdi. When this army reaches a valley between Makkah Mukarrama and Madinah Munawwarah, the earth will open up and all of them (good and bad alike) will be >swallowed= into the earth. On the day of Qiyaamah, they will be resurrected according to their beliefs and intentions. Only two persons will survive this tragedy, one of them will go and inform AImaam@ Mahdi and the other, the Sufyaan.

When the Christians hear of the accumulation of the Muslim Arabian army, they will also attempt to muster up a force. They will team up with the Romans and gather in Syria. In preparation of the army of AImaam@ Mahdi.

Clash of the Christians with the Muslims and Imaam MAHDI=S@ Triumph

Their (Christians) army will consist of 70 flags, and under each flag there will be 12 000 soldiers. In total there will be 840 000 soldiers. AImaam@ Mahdi will leave Makkah Muazzama and go towards Madinah Munawwarah. After visiting the blessed grave of Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), he will proceed towards Syria. The two armies will meet at Damascus. At that juncture the army of AImaam@ Mahdi will be split into three. The first will be those who will flee the battlefield, out of fear of the Christians. There Tawbah (repentance) will never be accepted by Allaah Ta`ala. Of those remaining, some will be martyred, and they will attain the rank of the martyrs of Uhud and Badr. The others will, by the Grace of Allaah Ta`ala, remain steadfast and they will always be saved from deviation and an evil ending.

Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi will face the enemy the next day again. A group from amongst the Muslims will make this pact that they will either be victorious or martyred. All of them will be martyred. AImaam@ Mahdi will return with a small army from the battlefield. On the next day another group will also make the same pact as the previous day=s group, and they too will be blessed with martyrdom. In the evening of that day, AImaam@ Mahdi will return with a small army. On the third day also a group will make the same pact and AImaam@ Mahdi will return with an even smaller army, back to his camp. On the fourth day, AImaam@ Mahdi will advance with a very small army to face the enemy, and they will be victorious, with the Fadhl of Allaah Ta`ala. The Christians will be defeated, they will be thoroughly humiliated and flee from the battlefield.

AImaam@ Mahdi will now concentrate upon mobilising an Islaamic system, and he will not rest upon the conquer of Constantinople. The Muslim army will proceed to what is today known as Istanbul. Here also the Muslims will attain a victory, with the aid of Allaah Ta`ala. All this will take place in the course of 6 to 7 years from the time of the initial@ ba`it@ with AImaam@ Mahdi. AImaam@ Mahdi will occupy himself in the administration of the Islaamic state.

AImaam@ Mahdi=s (Alaihi Salaam) Dispatching of A Commando Group to Investigate Dajjaal

Rumours that the Dajjaal has now made his appearance and started destroying the Muslims, will start spreading. When AImaam@ Mahdi hears about this he will make his way back to Syria. He will dispatch a group of 5 or 9 horsemen to investigate the whereabouts of Dajjaal. Regarding these horsemen, Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)

said that he knows their maternal and paternal families and also the colour of their horses. They will be from amongst the best persons on the face of the earth at that time. They will ride ahead of the army, in order to investigate whether the rumour of Dajjaal is true or not.

AImaam@ Mahdi will reach Damascus before Dajjaal, and he will prepare the Muslim army.

The Descending of Hadhrat Isaa (Alaihi Salaam)

The Mu`azzin will have given the azaan for the Asr Salaat, and the people will be preparing for the Salaat, when Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will descend from the heavens, leaning upon two angels. They will descend at the east minaarat of the Damascus Jaami` Musjid. It will be announced: ABring a stepladder!@, and a stepladder will be produced. Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will then come and meet Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. AImaam@ Mahdi will most humbly and happily ask Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) to lead the Salaat. Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will instruct Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi to lead the Salaat, who will then lead the Salaat and Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will be a follower.

After the Salaat, Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi will request Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) to prepare and lead the Muslim army, as he pleases. Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will refuse saying that this is the specific duty and honour of Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi, and that he (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) had come especially to kill Dajjaal, as the destruction of Dajjaal is written at his hands.

The Reign of AImaam@ Mahdi, His Khilaafat and Demise

The entire world will be illuminated with the justice and equity of Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. Oppression and injustice will be eradicated. All the inhabitants on earth will be engaged in the worship and Ibaadat of Allaah Ta`ala. His (alaihi salaam)=s Khilaafat will last for 7, 8 or 9 years. Seven years will be in controlling the mischief of the Christians and in preparing the Muslim army. The eighth year will be in opposing Dajjaal, and the ninth year will be in the company of Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam). Therefore Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi=s age will be 49 years at the time of his demise. Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will perform the Janaaza Salaat and bury Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. Thereafter all the responsibilities of administrating the Muslims will fall upon Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam).
[*Risaalat-e-Alaamaate Qiyaamah, Hadhrat Moulana Shah Rafee`ud Deen Dehlwi (rahmatullahi alaihi)]*

The mentioning of Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi, has been afforded great importance throughout the annals of Islaamic history. The great Kitaabs of Hadith like; Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Ibn Maajah etc, have all stipulated separate chapters regarding Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. Besides them many other luminaries have made mention of Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. Amongst them are; Imaam Ahmed, Bazzaar, Ibn Abi Shaiba, Haakim, Abu Ya`la etc... There are numerous Ahaadith narrated regarding Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi. Great Sahabah such as; Hadhrat Ali, Ibn Abbaas, Ibn Umar, Talha, Abdullaah bin Mas`ood, Abu Huraira, Anas etc. etc. (radhiAllaahu anhum ajmaeen), have narrated regarding Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi.

Owing to the >Tawaatur= (continuity in the narrations) regarding AImaam@ Mahdi, the commentator of >Aqeedah Safaarini= has placed this as a belief of the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat. He says: *AThe narrations regarding AImaam@ Mahdi are so numerous that we can regard it as being >Tawaatur=. This matter is so renowned amongst the Ulama of the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat that it is regarded as one of the basic beliefs from amongst the other beliefs. Abu Nuaim, Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, Nisai etc. have reported from the Sahabah and the Tabi`een , to such an extent that the coming of AImaam@ Mahdi is deemed as a certain event...@* [Sharah Aqeedah Safaarini, page 79 and 80]

Similarly, Haafiz Suyuti (rahmatullahi alaihi) has also made the claim that this mater has reached the level of >Tawaatur=.

Haafiz Ibn Taymia (rahmatullahi alaihi) has written in >Minhaajus Sunnat=:
AThose Ahaadith which have been reported regarding the emergence of AImaam@ Mahdi are authentic. These Ahaadith have been reported by Imaam Ahmed, Abu Dawood and Tirmidhi. They have been reported from Ibn Mas`ood, Umme Salma and Ali.@ **[Mukhtasar Minhaaj, page 534]**

This much has also been established from Muslim Shareef that during the final era, a Khalifah from amongst the Muslims will emerge, who will be the cause of great blessings. He will be born before the coming of Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi wasallam). Dajjaal will make his appearance during this era, however, he (Dajjaal) will be killed at the blessed hands of Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam). When Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will descend from the heavens, then this Khalifah will have already come on the Musallah (in order to lead the Salaat). When he sees Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) he will step back, but Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will tell him to lead the Salaat, since he had the right to do so, as he already was on the Musallah.

All these descriptions (regarding AImaam@ Mahdi appear in such (authentic) Ahaadith, which the Muhadditheen, have no objections to. The only qualm which may exist is whether this Khalifah is AImaam@ Mahdi or someone else. Since, the name of AImaam@ Mahdi appears in some narrations, we can safely claim that the Khalifah mentioned in Muslim Shareef is AImaam@ Mahdi. Since the narration in Sahih Muslim states that when Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) will descend, then the Khalifah of the time will step back and allow him to lead the Salaat, and in other (authentic) Ahaadith this same event is described with the addition of AImaam@ Mahdi=s name, then most surely, the narration in Sahih Muslim also refers to Hadhrat AImaam@ Mahdi (alaih salaam).

When one reads the Hadith mentioned below, one can ascertain to what extent the coming of AImaam@ Mahdi was famous amongst the Sahabah and Tabi`een. One will also certainly come to the conclusion that this event is from the basic beliefs of a Muslim:

1. AHakim bin Sa`ad says: >When Suleiman became the Khalifah, and he rendered great services, then I asked Abu Yahya whether this is the famous Mahdi. *He replied in the negative.* [Ibn Abi Shaiba, page 80,vol.2]

2. AWalid bin Muslim reports: >I heard a person stating to the Muslims that Mahdi will be three (different persons). (the first will be) Mahdi-ul-Khair, Umar ibn Abdul Aziz, (the second will be) Mahdi-ud-Damm, he will be the one in whose era bloodshed will end (and the third will be) Mahdi-ud-Deen, Isaa ibn Maryam, even the Christians will accept Islaam in his era.@
Ka`ab also reports that Mahdi-ul-Khair will emerge after the Sufyaanis@ [Ibid]

3. *AIbn Umar (radhiAllaahu anhu) said to Ibn Hanafia: >Al-Mahdi is a title which one would use for a pious person. If a person is (Saalih) pious, he will be called Al-Mahdi.@* [according to this interpretation there will be a few persons who will be called Mahdi].

4. *AHadhrat Ibn Abbaas (radhiAllaahu anhu) said :* ***AAl-Mahdi will emerge at such a time when people will become despondent and say >There is no Mahdi=.@*** [Ibid]

5. *AHadhrat Ka`ab (radhiAllaahu anhu) says: >I have seen in the (previous) scriptures of the Prophets that* ***Mahdi*** *will be such a person who will have no* ***tyranny*** *nor* ***fault.****=@* [Ibid]

6. *AMention was made of Umar bin Abdul Aziz in front of Matar (name of a person), and he said: >It has reached us that Mahdi will perform such acts which were not done by Umar bin Abdul Aziz.= We asked him what these acts were. He replied: >A person will come up to him (Mahdi) and ask of him. Mahdi will tell him to go to the Baitul Maal and take whatever he pleases. He will enter and exit. Then he will see that all the people are satiated and he will feel ashamed (at his actions). He will return (to AImaam@ Mahdi) and say take back what you have given me, he (**AImaam@ Mahdi**) will refuse, **saying >We give, we do not take back.=@*** [Ibid]

7. *AEbrahim bin Maisara says that he asked Tawoos if Umar bin Abdul Aziz was the Mahdi. He replied; >He was a Mahdi, however, not THE MAHDI. During his (Umar bin Abdul Aziz) era there did not exist TOTAL justice (as will be the case in AImaam@ Mahdi=s era).@* [Ibid]

8. *AAbu Ja`far reports: >People think me to be THE MAHDI. Whereas, until my death I am much lower than what the people claim.@* [Ibid]

9. *ASalma bin Zufar reports that once someone said in front of Huzaifa (radhiAllaahu anhu), that Mahdi has appeared. He said; >If it is so, when the Sahabah of Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) are present amongst you, then know that you have attained a great success. He will only appear when no absent person will be more beloved than him, due to the evils which will be prevalent during that time= (i.e. people will be eagerly awaiting his arrival due to the evils which have become widespread) .@* [Ibid]

The above mentioned narrations should be sufficient explanation for the narration which says: AThere is no Mahdi except Isaa.@
There is great wisdom in the fact that whenever the coming of a famous personality is prophesied, there emerges a number of false claimants to that title. This in itself becomes a form of test from Allaah Ta`ala. Many people emerged as claimants to Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam). Similarly, many have claimed to be Hadhrat Mahdi. History bears detailed testimony to these miscreants, and to their tantrums.
The Rafidhis (Shi`as) hold this belief that Muhammad bin Hassan Askari is the promised Mahdi, who in his youth had disappeared and is concealed in some or other cave and from which he will emerge one day. They are eagerly awaiting his emergence.

Some Ulama have even attempted to prove, with reliable proof that there will be no Mahdi. The reason for this was to thwart the evil beliefs of the Shi`as and thereby safeguarding the Imaan of other Muslims. This continued for some time, whilst there always existed opposition from other Ulama. Many kitaabs on this subject exist which bear testimony to this >struggle=.

Nevertheless, upon careful reflection one will note that the mentioning of the coming of AImaam@ Mahdi has been constant throughout the ages, from the predecessors until the Muhadditheen.

Ahaadith on AImaam@ Mahdi

The Name Mahdi, His Lineage and Description

1. Hadhrat Abdullaah ibn Mas`ood (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports: ARasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: >The **world** will **not** come to an **end,** until such a time that a **person** from **my family** does not **reign** over **Arabia.** His name will be the same as mine.=@ [Tirmidhi Shareef]

2. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) said: ARasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said; >If there was only one day left until the last day, then Allaah Ta`ala will make it last until a person from my family will reign over Arabia.=@ [Tirmidhi]

3. Abu Is`haaq reports that Hadhrat Ali (radhiAllaahu anhu) said, whilst looking at his son, Hadhrat Hassan (radhiAllaahu anhu): AMy son will be a Sayyid, just as Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said. A person will be born from his lineage, who will bear the same name as your Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). He will bear resemblance to Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) in character, but not physical (resemblance).@ Thereafter Hadhrat Ali (radhiAllaahu anhu) narrated the just conditions that will prevail during that era.@ [Abu Dawood]

4. Hadhrat Ali (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports from Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), that he (sallallahu alaihi wasallam): AIf there was only one day left for Qiyaamah, then Allaah Ta`ala would most certainly send a person from my Ahle Bait to restore peace and justice to this world, just as it was saturated with injustice.@ [Abu Dawood]

5. Hadhrat Saeed bin Musayyib (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that they were with Hadhrat Umme Salma (radhiAllaahu anha), and they were discussing about AImaam@ Mahdi. When Hadhrat Umme Salma (radhiAllaahu anha) said: AI heard Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) say that Mahdi will be from amongst the offspring of Fatimah.@ [Ibn Maajah]

6. Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that he heard Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) say: AWe, the children of Abdul Muttalib, will be the leaders in Jannat, (i.e. we are:) myself, Hamza, Ali, Ja`far, Hassan, Hussein and Mahdi.@ [Ibn Maajah]

7. Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: **AMahdi will be from my progeny, his forehead will be wide and his nose high. He will fill the world with justice just as it will be filled with injustice. His reign will last for seven years.@** [Abu Dawood]

8. Hadhrat Buraida (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AAfter me there will be many armies. **You should enlist yourselves in the army of Khuraasaan.@** [Ibn Adi]

9. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: A**Black flags** (an army) will emerge **from Khuraasaan**. None will be able to turn them back, until they are **planted in Baitul Maqdis**.@ [Tirmidhi Shareef]

10. Hadhrat Saeed bin Musayyib (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AFrom the west black flags (an army) will emerge under the family of Abbas. They will wait until Allaah Ta`ala desires. Then small flags will emerge, and they will fight with the family of Abu Sufyaan, until

they become subservient to Mahdi.@

Another narration states: ABlack flags from the family of Abbas will emerge, then another army will emerge from Khuraasaan, **their topis (headgear) and clothes will be white.** Their **leader** will be a person by the name of **Shuayb bin Saalih,** from **Tameem.** He (and his army) will **annihilate** the companions of **Sufyaani.@**

The Emergence of AImaam@ Mahdi and the Pledge of Allegiance of the Inhabitants of Makkah to Him, Between the Rukn and Maqaam

11. Hadhrat Umme Salma (radhiAllaahu anha) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AAfter the **demise of a Khalifah,** a **difference** of opinion will arise and **a person** from the inhabitants of Madinah Munawwarah will go to **Makkah Muazzama.** Some of the inhabitants of Makkah Mukarrama will coerce him, and take the **pledge** of allegiance at his hands, between the Maqaam and the Rukn. An **army** will be dispatched **from Shaam (Syria),** to **confront him,** and they will be **swallowed** into the earth at a place between Makkah Mukarrama and Madinah Munawwarah. When new of this miracle spreads, the Abdaals of Shaam and many groups from Iraq will go and pledge allegiance at the hands of this person. A **person** from the Quraish will arise, his maternal **family** will be the **Banu Kalb.** He will also send an army **to face** this person (**AImaam@ Mahdi**). Allaah Ta`ala will grant **victory** to him (**AImaam@ Mahdi**). This **battle will** be known as Banu Kalb. That person will be very unfortunate who does not have a share in the booty of Banu Kalb. After the victory the wealth of the Banu Kalb will be distributed. He will rule in accordance to the Sunnat. During his reign Islaam will spread rapidly. He will remain alive (i.e. his reign) for seven years. When he passes away, the Muslims will perform his Janaaza Salaat. [Abu Dawood]

12. Hadhrat Abu Saeed (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) once mentioned about a great trial which was to overtake this Ummat, such that a person will not be able to find refuge in any place from the oppression. Allaah Ta`ala will send a person from amongst my Ahle Bait, who will bring about such justice, just as there was injustice prevailing before that. The inhabitants of the heaven and earth will be pleased with him. The heavens will shed such **beneficial rains** as it had never done before. The earth will **yield such crops** as it had never done before. Those who will be living at that time will desire that the people of the past who had lived in poverty were alive so as to witness these **blessings.** This person will remain alive for about seven, eight or nine years after this.@ [Mustadrak / Mishkaat]

13. Hadhrat Abdullaah ibn Mas`ood (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that they were sitting in the company of Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), when some youngsters from the Banu Haashim came into his (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) presence. Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)=s eyes welled with tears and his Mubarak face changed colour. Hadhrat Abdullaah ibn Mas`ood (radhiAllaahu anhu) says: AI asked; > How is it that we see a change in your features?@ Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied: AAllaah Ta`ala has chosen the Hereafter for our family instead of this world. After me, my family will be faced with many difficulties and banishments. To such an extent that an army with black flags will emerge from the west, they will ask for peace which will not be granted to them. A battle will ensue and they will be defeated. They will then give what they have been asked for, but it will not be accepted. The flag will then be given to a person from my Ahle Bait. He will then **fill the earth with such justice,** as much oppression as there was prior to this. If any of you **meet up** with **that era**, then you must surely **join him,** even though **you have to be dragged in the snow.@** [Ibn Maajah]

14. Hadhrat Thaubaan (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AIn your old age, three persons from amongst the sons of your Khulafah will be martyred, then no one from their families will be given Imaarat (leadership). Then from the west black flags will emerge, and they will fight you and a battle will ensue, as no other battle in the past.@ Thereafter, the narrator says that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said something which he could not remember. Then he (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: Awhen you see this person then you must take ABa`it@ upon his hands, even though you have to be dragged through the snow, because he will be the Mahdi, the Khalifah of Allaah Ta`ala.@ [Ibn Maajah]

15. Hadhrat Thaubaan (radhiAllaahu anhu), the freed slave of Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) reports from Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) : **AWhen you see black flags coming from Khuraasasaan, then you must join them, even though you have to be dragged in the snow, because, Allaah Ta`ala=s Khalifah, Mahdi, will be amongst them.@** [Ahmed / Baihaqi]

16. Hadhrat Abu Saeed Naaji (rahmatullahi alaihi) reports from Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri (radhiAllaahu anhu) that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AThere will be a **Mahdi** from amongst my **Ummat,** who will reign for about seven to nine years. During his time, **my Ummat** will **live so comfortably,** as they had never done before. The earth will yield all its (beneficial) crops and not withhold anything. Wealth will be stacked up in heaps, (so much so that) a person will stand up and say; >Oh Mahdi, give me=, and he will be told; >Take! (To your heart=s content)=@ [Mustadrak]

17. Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that they asked Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) regarding the adversities which were to follow after his (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)=s demise. Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AAfter me there will be a Mahdi, who will rule for five or seven or nine years (here the narrator of the Hadith, doubts the exact number of years mentioned by Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)@. The Sahabah asked regarding the reason for mentioning this era. Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said that the era will be so blessed that a person will come and ask; >Oh Mahdi give me some (wealth), give me some!=. AImaam@ Mahdi will give him as much wealth as he can carry. [Tirmidhi Shareef]

18. Hadhrat Ibn Mas`ood (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AMahdi will emerge towards the last era of my Ummat. Allaah Ta`ala will grant him plentiful rains and the earth will yield many crops. **Wealth will be plenty and animals will be in abundance. The Ummat will attain great heights.** He (Mahdi) will remain amongst the people for seven to eight, i.e. years.@ [Mustadrak]

19. Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AI am giving you the glad tidings of Mahdi. He will **emerge** at such a time when there will be **great differences and tremors in the Ummat.** He will fill the world with such justice and equity, as there was injustice and oppression before it. The Angels in the heavens and the inhabitants on earth, all will be pleased with him. Wealth will be ASihaahan@ (equally distributed).@ The Sahabah asked regarding the meaning of the word, ASihaahan@. Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied: AWealth will be distributed equally with fairness. The hearts of the Believers will be filled with independence. Justice will be widespread, to such an extent that it will be announced; >Who has any need for wealth?= None will stand from the gathering except one person. This condition will prevail for seven years.@ [Ahmed / Abu Ya`la]

20. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AQiyaamah will never come until a person from amongst

my family arises amongst them and fights them until they come onto the right path.@ The narrator says that he inquired regarding the time, as to how long it will last. He was told: AFive or two (more, i.e. seven).@ He (the narrator) further asked: AFive or two, what? (i.e. years or months) @ He said : AI do not know.@ [Abu Ya`ala]

From previous narrations, years have been established.

21. Hadhrat Yusair bin Jaabir (rahmatullahi alaihi) reports that once a red wind blew from Kufa. A man came running and said; >Oh Abdullaah Bin Mas`ood, Qiyaamah has arrived!@ Upon hearing this, Hadhrat Abdullaah ibn Mas`ood (radhiAllaahu anhu), who was relaxing upon a pillow, sat up, and said: AVerily, Qiyaamah will not come until inheritance is not distributed, and there will be an abundance in booty (war spoils).@ Then he indicated with his hands towards Shaam and said: AThe enemies of Islaam (Christians) will gather against the Muslims and the Muslims will gather against them.@ The narrator asked if he meant the Romans (Christians), and he replied in the affirmative. He, then said: AThere will be a battle. The Muslims will send forth an army, that will advance on the condition of being martyred (i.e. either they will return victorious or be martyred). The two armies will meet, and at nightfall they will return (to their camps), with neither side attaining a victory. Those who had resolved not to return except with victory, will all be martyred. The following day the two armies will again meet. On this day too, a group of the Believers will firmly resolve to be martyred or be victorious. At nightfall the two armies will once again return, without either side having scored a victory. Those who had made the resolution, will all be martyred. On the third day, again a group of Believers will advance who will make the same resolution as the others of the previous days. On this day again the same will transpire. On the fourth day the remaining army of Muslims will advance. On this day Allaah Ta`ala will cause the defeat of the Kuffaar, and such a battle will ensue, the likes of which no one will ever see, or has anyone ever seen (here the narrator doubts the exact words). To such an extent that a bird will not be able to fly over the bodies without fearing itself dying (i.e. due to the multitude and condition of dead bodies). If the bodies of the family of a grandfather were to be counted, then 99 will be found dead and one surviving. Under such conditions, who will enjoy the booty, and who will there be to inherit? The Muslims will remain in this condition, when an even worse calamity will be announced. The announcement will be blazoned that Dajjaal has emerged amongst their children. They (the Believers) will leave whatever is in their hands and turn around. A group of ten horsemen will be sent to investigate the validity of this rumour. **Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said (regarding these horsemen): >I know the names of these ten horsemen, the names of their fathers and the colour of their horses. They will be the best horsemen on the face of the earth at that time.=@** [Muslim Shareef]

22. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: **AHave you heard of such a city, which has on it=s one side dryland and on the other a sea. The Sahabah replied in the affirmative. Qiyaamah will not come until an army from the Banu Ishaq consisting of 70 000, will besiege it. When they enter it, neither will a sword be drawn nor an arrow shot, that one side of the city will fall (into their hands) merely by their reciting of the Takbeer.@** Hadhrat Thaur Ibn Yazid (one of the narrators of this Hadith) says that he thinks the person who told him this narration mentioned that it will be the coastal side of the city that will fall. The Takbeer will be recited for a second time and the other side of the city will fall into their hands. When the third Takbeer will be recited, the doors of the city will be opened and they will enter it, and seize the booty. During this time an announcement will be made that The Dajjaal has emerged. They will leave everything and return.@ [Muslim]

23. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: A The Romans will dishonour a treaty (they have made) with a member of my family, whose name will be like mine (i.e. Muhammad). He will then engage them in **battle in a place called AAmaaq@.** Approximately

one third of the Muslim army will be made Shaheed (martyred). A same number of Muslims will be martyred on the second day. On the third day, the Romans will be defeated. Constantinople will also be conquered. Whilst they will be busy accumulating the booty, a caller will call out that The Dajjaal has appeared amongst their children.@

24. Hadhrat Abu Umamah (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: ATheir will be a treaty between you and the Romans, thrice. The fourth treaty will be at the hands of a person who is from the family of Hadhrat Haroon (alaihi salaam). This treaty will last for about seven years.@ It was asked to Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) as to who the Imaam of the Muslims will be at that time. Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied: A(Someone) From my family. **He will be forty years of age. his face will shine like a bright star. He will have a black spot upon his right cheek. He will be clad in cotton cloak (kurta). He will resemble a person from the Bani Israeel. He will reign for ten years. The treasures of the earth will be taken out and the cities of the Mushrikeen will be conquered.@** [Tibrani]

25. Hadhrat Auf bin Maalik (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that he came into the presence of Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) during the expedition of Tabuk, whilst he (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) was in his tent. Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AYou will have to **contend** with **six things before Qiyaamah. (Firstly) My demise,** then the **conquest of Baitul Maqdis**. **Thereafter death** will be **common** amongst you, like how a plague spreads amongst sheep. **Then** there will be an **abundance of wealth**, such that if a person is given 100 dinars, he will not be happy (excited). **Thereafter** there will be **great Fitnah**, such that **no Arab abode will be saved** therefrom. **Then** there will be a **period of (peace) treaties,** made **between yourselves and the Romans. Thereafter,** they will **dishonour their pledge and attack you with 80 flags (armies).** Beneath each flag there will be 12000 soldiers.@ [Bukhari]

26. Hadhrat Zi Makhbar (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that he heard Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) saying: **AYou (Muslims) will sign a (peace) treaty with the Romans. Thereafter, you and they will (combine and) fight a common enemy, and you will be the victors.** You (and the Romans) will then attain the booty. This army will ascend onto a hilly meadow, when a **christian** person will raise the cross and **say that the cross was victorious. A Muslim man** will be angered by this and he will **take the cross and break it.** The **Romans will** then turn upon **(betray) you** (Muslims), and **all of you will then prepare for a Great Battle.@** [Abu Dawood]

27. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AWhat will be your condition when the son of Maryam (alaiha salaam) - i.e. Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam), descends upon you, and your Imaam (for Salaat) at that time will be from amongst you.@ [Bukhari and Muslim Shareef]

28. Hadhrat Abdullaah ibn Umar (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam) is that person who will come after Mahdi, and he (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam)) will perform Salaat behind him (AImaam@ Mahdi). [Abu Nuaim]

29. Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AAmongst us will be a person, behind whom Isaa ibn Maryam will perform Salaat.@ [Ibid]

30. Hadhrat Jaabir bin Abdullaah (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: **AOne group from amongst my Ummat will continuously struggle for the Haqq,** when Isaa bin Maryam will descend in the presence of Mahdi, at the time of Fajr in Baitul Maqdis. It will be said: >Lead us in Salaat, Oh Nabi of Allaah Ta`ala.= He will say that this Ummat (is such that) some are Ameers over others (therefore you (AImaam@ Mahdi) should perform the Salaat).@ [Ibid] This narration also appears in Muslim Shareef, but the words AIsaa ibn Maryam will descend and their (Muslims) Ameer will say to him; >Go forward and perform the Salaat for us.=@

31. Hadhrat Huzaifa (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AWhen **Isaa ibn Maryam descends, it will seem as though water is dripping off his head.** Mahdi will turn towards him and request him to lead the Salaat. He (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam)) will say; >The Iqaamat was given for you=. He will then read Salaat behind a man who will be from my offspring.@

32. Hadhrat Jaabir (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AIsaa ibn Maryam will descend and their (Muslim=s) Ameer Mahdi will tell him to lead the Salaat. He (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam)) will say; >Surely some of you are Ameers over others, and this is the honour bestowed upon this Ummat.=@ [Suyooti from Abu Nuaim]

33. Hadhrat Ibn Sireen (rahmatullahi alaihi) said that Mahdi will be from amongst this Ummat. He is the one who will be the Imaam (in a Salaat) for Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam). [Ibn abi Shaiba]

34. Hadhrat Abu Umamah (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that once Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) was giving a Khutbah, and he (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) mentioned regarding Dajjaal. Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: **AMadinah Tayyibah will expel filth from it just as a furnace expels filth from iron.** That day will be known as AYowm-e-Khalaas@ (day of separation - filth from purity). Hadhrat Umme Shareek (radhiAllaahu anha) asked; **>Where will the Arabs be on that day, Oh Rasulullaah?=** Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied that they will be in the minority at that time. **Most of them (Muslims) will be in Baitul Maqdis.** Their leader will be Mahdi, who will be a pious person. As their Imaam is about to step forward to lead the Fajr Salaat, Isaa bin Maryam will descend upon them. This Imaam (Mahdi alaihi salaam) will step back, so that Isaa may move forward (and lead the Salaat). Isaa will place his hands between his (AImaam@ Mahdi alaihi salaam) shoulders and say; >You proceed, surely the Iqaamat was given for you.= Then their Imaam (Mahdi alaihi salaam) will lead the Salaat.@ [Ibn Maajah]

35. Hadhrat Abu Nadharah (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports; AWe were sitting amongst Hadhrat Jaabir bin Abdullaah (radhiAllaahu anhu), when he said: **>Soon a time will dawn when the people of Iraq will receive neither grain nor money.=** We asked as to who will be responsible for this. He replied; **>The Ajams (non-Arabs), they will prevent this (sanctions?)=** Then he said: >**Soon the people of Shaam will receive neither grain nor money.=** We asked him as to who will be responsible for this. He replied; **>The Romans.=** Then he kept silent for a while, and said that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: >There will be a Khalifah in the final era of this Ummat, who will disperse so much wealth, that it will not be able to be calculated.=@ It was asked from Abu Nadharah and Hadhrat Ala (radhiAllaahu anhuma): ADo the two of you consider this person (Mahdi) to mean Umar bin Abdul Aziz?@ They replied in the negative. [Muslim Shareef]

36. Hadhrat Jaabir (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AThere will be such a Khalifah in the final era of my Ummat, who will distribute wealth with both his hands (owing to the large quantity), and it will not be able to be calculated.@ [Muslim Shareef]

The Emergence of Sufyaani and His Destruction with His Entire Army

37. **Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AA person named ASufyaani@ will emerge from the city of Damascus. Most of the people who will follow him will be from (the tribe of Bani) Kalb. They will fight (to such an extent) that they will pierce the stomachs of women and kill children. The people from the tribe of Qais will gather to oppose them. They (Qais) will then kill them (Sufyaanis),in such a manner that they will not be able to find any refuge behind a mountain. A person from amongst my family will then emerge from Madinah. This news will reach Sufyaani, who will despatch an army battalion to oppose him. This battalion will be defeated. Sufyaani will then take the balance of his army (against this person). When they reach ABaidaa@ (an open plain), all of them will be sunk into the earth. Only one person will survive, who will go and inform (his people) regarding their fate.@ [Haakim]**

38. Hadhrat Aisha (radhiAllaahu anha) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AIt is astonishing that some people from amongst my Ummat will head for Baitullaah, in order to fight a person from amongst the Quraish, who had sought refuge in Baitullaah. When they reach ABaidaa@, then all of them will be swallowed into the earth. Amongst them; those who came willingly, those who were forced to come and the travellers, all of them will be destroyed at once. Allaah Ta`ala will resurrect all of them on the day of Qiyaamah according to their intentions.@ [Muslim Shareef]

39. Hadhrat Abu Huraira (radhiAllaahu anhu) reports that Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: AQiyaamah will not come until a Roman army descends at (a place called) AA`maaq@ or ABidaabiq@. An army will advance from Madinah Tayyibah, which will comprise of the best of persons on the entire surface of the earth. When the two armies line up for battle, the Christians will say: >Separate from those who made our families prisoners(and enslaved them), so that we may fight them (only).= The Muslims will say; >Never! We take an oath that we will never separate ourselves between you and our fellow Muslim brothers.= They will then engage in battle. One third of the Muslim army will flee the battlefield, and they will never be forgiven by Allaah Ta`ala. One third will be martyred, and they will be amongst the best of martyrs in the sight of Allaah Ta`ala. The other third (of the Muslim army) will be victorious, and they will be saved from any other Fitnah for the rest of their lives. They will conquer Constantinople. As they will be busy with the booty and their swords will be hanging upon the olive trees, shaitaan will call out that Dajjaal has emerged amongst their children and families. The Muslims will immediately leave and it will transpire that this is a rumour.When they arrive in Shaam, Dajjaal will emerge. As they will be preparing themselves for war, it will be the time for Salaat, and they will be lining up the saffs (rows) for Salaat. As the Iqaamat is given, Isaa bin Maryam will descend and his Imaamat will be made (i.e. he will be a normal Muqtadi and AImaam@ Mahdi will be the Imaam). When the enemy of Allaah Ta`ala (Dajjaal) sees him (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam)), he (Dajjaal) will melt, just as salt melts upon contact with water. If Dajjaal will be left, then he would melt down completely, but Allaah Ta`ala wanted Dajjaal to be killed at his (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam))hands. **The blood of Dajjaal will be visible on his (Hadhrat Isaa (alaihi salaam)) spear.@** [Muslim Shareef]